

WEARE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 8, 2010
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PRESENT: Andy Fulton, Chairman, George Malette, Mike Dahlberg, Steve Najjar

GUESTS: Heleen Kurk, Tom Carr, Mike Lambert, Ian McSweeney

Chairman Fulton called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

I. Heleen Kurk, Weare 250th Anniversary Committee

Ms. Kurk explained that she was there to ask for support for the Town of Weare 250th Anniversary coming in 2014 and wants to get all the support they can muster to make the 250th Anniversary a success. Discussion was about how the WCC could participate. The WCC agreed to keep this on our agenda in the future to try and come up with ideas on how to support the 250th Anniversary Committee. Ideas discussed included: Display Maps of Conservation Lands, Walking Tours, Rehabilitation of historical sites on Town conservation Lands, etc.

II. Planning Board Items:

None.

III. Other Items:

Mike Lambert, Environmental Scientist representing Mt. William Corp. regarding the Logging Access Road on Map 409 Lot 004. Mr. Lambert was before the WCC to discuss the letter of March 2010 items 1 through 7. DES-Wetlands Bureau would like to see a letter from the WCC stating that all seven items have been adequately addressed to the WCC's satisfaction. Mr. Lambert discussed the first six items and the WCC was comfortable with all of Mr. Lamberts explanations of the items. The seventh Item is a Site Walk that Andy is going to attend with Mr. Lambert in the near future and a report shall be made. Andy agreed to e-mail DES-Wetlands about our discussion with Mr. Lambert and the satisfaction of the items

Tom Carr, of Meridian Land Services for the Mountain Road Culvert Issues.

Mr. Carr explained the current status of the Mountain Road culvert issues. Mr. Carr and WCC Chairman Fulton met with representatives from DES to discuss the situation and to inquire about waivers to the current stream crossing regulations due to the fact that Mountain Road is a Class VI Road and that it does not need to be utilized as an access road 24 hours a day 365 days per year. The culvert/crossing designs will reflect these circumstances. Mr. Carr is going to proceed with design and submittal to DES with associated waivers. The plan of action is to remove the culvert at Ferrin Brook and place boulders to restrict vehicular access to the Ferrin Brook stream bed and to design the Buxton Brook crossing on Mountain Road and the Beaver Pond Outlet on Eben Paige Road. Steve spoke of his concern about the stone culvert that PSNH had repaired on Mountain Road, Tom Carr responded that he had looked at the repair and thought that the work was well done. George asked that a copy of the minutes be forwarded to the B.O.S. to keep them apprised of the situation. Mike said he would do so. Andy said he would e-mail all other interested parties as to the progress on the matter. The matter of signage and notification to users not to cross in high water situations. Potential signage was discussed and will be further discussed at a later date.

Tobey Hill Issues: A concerned citizen has brought to the attention of the WCC certain activities occurring on Town owned land on Tobey Hill such as fire pits, garbage, gun shots and vehicles

rutting up the Class VI road that borders the property. Ian Mc Sweeney Chairman of the Open Space Committee spoke to the issue and the possibility of placing the Tobey Hill Land into a Conservation Easement so that a third party would have stewardship duties and enforcement abilities as necessary in instances of possible illegal or disallowed uses on the land. Steve Suggested calling the Forest Ranger for the fire pit issues. The Class VI Road and ruts caused by vehicles is not in the purview of the WCC. Mike volunteered to get a copy of the survey plan and check out the extent of the activity onto the Town owned land and report back to the WCC. A discussion was also had about the placement of signs in and around Town owned land that indicate acceptable and unacceptable practices that can occur. All agreed that this should be looked into further.

Ian McSweeney, Chairman Open Space Committee appeared before the WCC to discuss a potential project and requested that the WCC go into a Non-Public Session. George Made a Motion to go into a Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3.D. An individual vote was made to go into a non-public Session. George voted yes. Andy voted yes, Mike Voted yes. Steve voted yes.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION 9:30 P.M. TO 10:34 P.M. (SEPARATE MINUTES TO TOWN CLERK)

The WCC Came out of Non-Public Session at 10:34 p.m. George made the motion to seal and restrict the minutes of the Non-Public Session. An individual vote was made to Seal and Restrict the minutes. George voted yes. Andy voted yes, Mike Voted yes. Steve voted yes.

Glen Dubois Trapping Permit. The Were Board of Selectmen had signed the Trapping Permit on The Wood Family Forest Property. The WCC was asked to sign the Page of Conditions. All members present signed. The document shall be returned to the BOS and Mr. DuBois.

Oliphant C.E. The PLC is looking for a ten thousand dollar contribution from the WCC for stewardship fees for the easement. Steve noted his reluctance to fund a stewardship fee because the Town of Weare purchased the land with town monies and felt that an additional ten thousand was unreasonable, all concurred. No member present had a clear recollection of whether or not the WCC had agreed to pay a stewardship fee.

Fessenden Woods C.E. – Craig Heafield. The C.E. has been granted to the PLC for the Open Space associated with this subdivision, however the Open Space Parcel has not been conveyed to the Town of Weare. Discussion was made as to whether or not it was a condition of approval or just a passing comment that was made to convey the Open Space to the Town of Weare. Mike volunteered to make contact with Craig Heafield to discuss the matter and try to come to a resolution of the matter in the near future.

Eastman Parcel: Front field mowing. Steve made a motion to expend \$300 to have the front field consisting of approximately 1 Acre to be mowed by a contractor with a brush hog. discussion was made as to the source of this funding. It was agreed to transfer \$300 from the training line in our regular budget to cover the cost. A motion was made by Steve to that effect with an amendment to authorize \$300 from the unrestricted conservation fund should taking the \$300 from the training line not be allowed. George seconded all voted in Favor. Further discussion was made in regards to Brush Mowing of the large field by the Town of Weare Highway Department, further to possibly contract with an outside contractor to accomplish the task should the highway department be unavailable to complete the work. Mike volunteered to contact an acquaintance that has a mower and to explore the availability of the contractor and potential costs.

IV. Adjournment.

Motion was made at 11:00 p.m. to adjourn by George, Seconded by Mike. All voted in favor.